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Customer No. 22,852  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
David J. BALLANCE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1653  
Application No.: 09/832,501 ) Examiner: Hope A. Robinson  
Filed: April 12, 2001 ) Confirmation No. 2463  
For: INTERFERON ALPHA AND )  
ALBUMIN FUSION PROTEIN )

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

In reply to the Office Action mailed June 22, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** are included in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** follow the amendment sections of this paper.